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五十年
號十一二月三英港香

PRICE \$2 PER MONTH

SHIPPING

MARCH 20. AGAMMNON, British steamer, 1,574. Hutchinson, Liverpool, and Singapore, 13th March. General.—BUTTERFIELD & SWINE.

MARCH 20. PAESIAN, British steamer, 938. E. Stowell, Bangkok 12th March, Rio—Hoy Iling Hong.

MARCH 20. FUSHUN, Chinese steamer, 1,560. A. Cross, Whampoa 20th March. General—G. M. S. N. Co.

MARCH 20. ACTON, British steamer, 385. N. C. Borden, Quinhon 15th March. General—A. H. ARTHUR, Kao-nien & Co.

MARCH 20. FERON, Danish steamer, 450. G. A. Lund, Pather 16th March and Hoochow 18th, Anhwei, Karberg & Co.

CLEARANCES

AT THE HARBOR MASTERS' OFFICE, 20TH MARCH.

Fokien, British str., for Swatow.

Macau, Austrian str., for Singapore.

Yukung, British str., for Shanghai.

Dorset, British str., for Kuching.

Lemnos, British str., for Saigon.

Clara, German str., for Haiphong.

Anny, German str., for Shanghai.

DEPARTURES

MARCH 19. ALMORA, British str., for Singapore.

MARCH 20. MOSKOU, British str., for Bangkok.

MARCH 20. NINGPO, German str., for Whampoa.

MARCH 20. EDENHALF, British str., for Nagasaki.

MARCH 20. LORETO, Spanish str., for Manila.

MARCH 20. VICTORIA, French str., for a cruise.

MARCH 20. ALEXANDER, German str., for Shanghai.

MARCH 20. CANTONSHIRE, British str., for Nagasaki.

MARCH 20. MEDUSA, Austrian str., for Trieste.

MARCH 20. ZAVIRO, British str., for Manila.

MARCH 20. CYCLOPS, British str., for Saigon.

MARCH 20. DODGET, British str., for Kuching.

PASSENGERS ARRIVED.

Per Agammon, str., from Liverpool, &c.

200 Chinese from Singapore.

AMOY SLIPPING.

MARCH 20. AMALIA, British str.,

4. Fokien, British str., from Tamsui.

4. Hainan, British str., from Foochow.

4. Glenfield, British str., from Shanghai.

4. Nancu, British str., from Hongkong.

4. Monocacy, Amer. cov., from Shanghai.

6. Thales, British str., from Hongkong.

7. Tamburini, British str., from Yokohama.

7. Zafiro, British str., from Hongkong.

8. Portia, British str., from Hongkong.

8. Smith, Chinese str., from Hongkong.

8. Thales, British str., from Taiwanfu.

9. Palamed, British str., from Shanghai.

10. Diamond, British str., from Hongkong.

10. Nancu, British str., from Foochow.

10. Mesico, Chinese str., from Shanghai.

11. Almora, British str., from Hongkong.

11. Zafiro, British str., from Manila.

11. Monocacy, Amer. cov., from Hongkong.

12. Nancu, German str., from Chefoo.

12. Departures.

3. Smith, Chinese str., for Hongkong.

3. Nancu, British str., for Manila.

4. Nancu, British str., for Foochow.

4. Hainan, British str., for Swatow.

4. Fokien, British str., for Swatow.

5. Cheung Li-yang, British str., for Swatow.

5. Chang Yen-chang, British str., for Swatow.

6. Yangtze, British str., for Swatow.

6. Yangtze, Chinese str., for Shanghai.

6. Yangtze, British str., for Swatow.

6. Thales, British str., for Taiwanfu.

7. Szechow, British str., for Swatow.

7. Mandjou, Russian cruiser, for Shanghai.

7. Formosa, British str., for Tamsui.

8. Zafiro, British str., for Manila.

8. Tamburini, British str., for Hongkong.

8. Nancu, British str., for Foochow.

9. Palamed, British str., for Hongkong.

9. Diamond, British str., for Manila.

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10. Nancu, British str., for Manila.

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10. Zafiro, British str., for Manila.

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11. Formosa, British str., for Manila.

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12. Nancu, British str., for Manila.

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MARRIAGE.

On the 20th instant, at St. John's Cathedral, by
the Rev. W. Jennings, M.A., Colonial Chaplain,
CHARLES ALFRED TOMES, only son of Francis
Tomes, New York, to HANIFOR CONSTANCE BURD,
widow of Alfred Hancock, Hongkong. [20]

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WHAT are the duties of the Assistant
Harbour Master? To assist the Harbour
Master,—says the Acting Colonial Secretary.

Doubtless if the Hon. W. M. Deane had been
asked twenty years ago to state the duties of the Deputy
Superintendent of Police and Assistant Superintendent
of Police he would have said, in the
same way, that the duties of the Deputy were
to assist the Captain-Superintendent and those of the Assistant to assist the Deputy.

Both these offices have been abolished and
the organisation of the Police now is vastly
better than when they existed. The office of
Assistant Harbour Master stands in the
same category as the abolished police offices
and ought to share the same fate. Any one
impartially reading the report of the discussion
in the Finance Committee on Wednesday
will, I think, arrive at this conclusion.

When pressed by the Hon. A. P. MacEwan
to state the duties of the officer more specifically,
the Acting Colonial Secretary could
only refer the hon. gentleman to the Merchant
Shipping Ordinance, an Ordinance which, as
he says, extends over thirty pages, but which
does not contain a single reference to the
Assistant Harbour Master from beginning
to end. It transpired, however, that the
special duty of the officer is supposed to be
to attend to the registration of junks. The
Colonial Treasurer at one time filled the office
himself, and he stoutly defends its maintenance.

But as the Hon. P. E. Byrnes said; nothing
stronger could be advanced to prove
that the office is unnecessary than what was
stated by the Hon. A. Lister, who says that
during the time the late Captain Cairns
was Acting Harbour Master he (Mr. Lister)
discharged all the duties of that office,
as well as the duties of Assistant Harbour
Master, and those of Sheriff and Coroner.

Now if one man could do all this it is
evident that the Harbour Master does not
require an assistant. Mr. Lister says it is
only people who know nothing about the matter
who say there is no work for an Assistant
Harbour Master, and he allowed himself to
indulge in a little sarcasm on their supposi-

tion. But astronomers have learnt

the time the late Captain Cairns nominally
held the office, and presumably he did it
satisfactorily. In the event of the Harbour
Master's going away or falling sick there
would be no difficulty in filling his post from
one or other of the sources available. It is
unnecessary, therefore, to keep an Assistant
Harbour Master specially for that purpose,
and the idea that there is any real work at
hand is a mere fiction.

A telegram was received yesterday by the
Agent of the Straits Insurance Company in
informing him that the Directors had declared a
bonus of 10 per cent to contributors on the
business of 1888.

The steamer *Viceroy* steamed round
from Tyne Bay yesterday morning and is to go
into dock at Kowloon on Saturday. It is reported
that she touched a rock on the other side. We
also hear that some of the torpedo boats have
been accepted by the Admiralty.

True, says he was very hard-wooded, but
he is a gentleman who would work hard in
whatever position he was placed. Some men
believe in making work others in taking
things easy, according to idiosyncrasies. Mr.
Lister's work while he filled the office was
no doubt increased somewhat by the fact
that during a portion of the time the first
clerk was absent; and, judging from his
remarks in Finance Committee, he must
have accepted a great deal of purely clerical
work. But the work was nevertheless able to
go away for ten months; apparently without
leaving a locum tenens; and on his return
was able to work up the ten months' arrears
of his own and his chief's work.

To judge whether the Harbour Master re-
quires an assistant or not it is important to
consider what the Harbour Master's own
work is. If the gentleman holding the ap-
pointment chose to keep the books of his
department with his own hand he could of
course make as much work as he liked.
But that is not the kind of work for which
he is appointed. For the discharge of the
clerical work he is provided with a staff of
clerks. His own work is of a different de-
scription. He has some responsibility as
Emigration Officer, but the actual work of
organising the emigrants devolves on one of
the clerks. Then he is required four or five
times a year to preside over a Marine Court
of Inquiry; and occasionally he has to try a
case of refusal of duty, perhaps once or
twice a month. These are what may be called
his specific duties, such as could be entered
in a time book if one were kept. His general
duties are to make himself acquainted with
all matters relating to the port, to advise the
Secretary of State has taken it up. The Secre-
tary of State may be a very powerful official, but I
am afraid he will have to introduce drastic mea-
sures with regard to this matter to make them
of any avail. The *Emigration Department* is
the third largest department in the Colony.
It is the first time that this matter has been
before the Chamber. We have a gentleman pro-
fessor who has taken deep interest in it from
time to time; and perhaps he may have something
more to say about it. Captain's *Letter for dis-
bursements in priority to Mortgages*.—This is
a matter in which a decision has been recently
come to at home, and we can only hope that
the *Emigration Department* will be similarly
disposed of.

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to the *Emigration Department* being much reduced.

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